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Mr. Jim McKenna  
Port of Portland & Interim Chairman, Lower Willamette Group  
121 Northwest Everett  
Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site; Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240

Dear Mr. McKenna:

This is in response to the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) letter and table that were provided on April 14, 2010 as a follow-up response to EPA's February 18, 2010 letter and subsequent discussions at meetings regarding performance standards for Confined Disposal Facilities (CDFs) for the Feasibility Study (FS). EPA recently agreed to extend the deadline to invoke dispute resolution on EPA's CDF performance standards until April 30, 2010.

EPA acknowledges the LWG's response that it will address the performance standards as directed by EPA as part of the alternatives screening and present the results to EPA at the screening check-in. EPA generally agrees that addressing the performance standards as directed by EPA as part of the alternatives screening check-in is an acceptable approach as a means for moving the FS forward. We are looking forward to our upcoming planning meeting to discuss the alternatives screening check-in process and expectations for the check-in meeting.

EPA does have some comments on LWG's table to more accurately reflect EPA's position on the LWG comment response and notes on EPA's verbal clarifications provided in the table. Our comments are attached. EPA does not believe that our comments on the table significantly affect our previous direction, and requests that the LWG confirm that the performance standards will be addressed as directed.

If you have any questions please contact Chip Humphrey at (503) 326-2678 or Eric Blischke (503) 326-4006. All legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

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